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SUBJECT: SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS

BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE TRANSMITS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT
PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COUNCIL BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE
SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS. THE DRAFT REPORT GIVES A
GENERAL SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION TO DATE. MISSION HAS NO
OBJECTION TO THE REPORT ON WHICH COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED BY JULY 25
AND , UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, MISSION WILL APPROVE
THE DRAFT REPORT BY THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. MISSIONS VIEWS ON THE
LARGER ISSUES INVOLVED WILL FOLLOW SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

BEGIN TEXT:

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C-M(74)..

SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS

PROGRESS REPORT BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON THE SURVIVABILITY
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OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS

REFERENCES: A. C-M(73)106, DATED 31 DECEMBER, 1973.

B. C-R(74)9, ITEM IV, DATED 27 FEBRUARY, 1974

UNDER DOCUMENT AT REFERENCE (A) ABOVE, THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE, AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNCIL SUBMITTED THEIR REPORT ON THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS.

2. THE REFERENCED REPORT WAS CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL ON 27TH FEBRUARY, 1974 AND, AS A RESULT, IT WAS AGREED (1) TO ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COMMITTEE OF DEPUTY PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES, UNDER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL, TO REEXAMINE THE QUESTION OF THE SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HEADQUARTERS. THE COUNCIL ALSO INVITED THIS COMMITTEE TO REPORT BY 1ST JULY.

3. DUE TO PRESSURE OF BUSINESS ASSOCIATED WITH MINISTERIAL MEETINGS AND OTHER PRIORITY ACTIVITIES DURING THE RECENT PERIOD, THE AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS BEEN UNABLE TO COMPLETE ITS REEXAMINATION OF THE SURVIVABILITY PROBLEM, BUT REPORTS PROGRESS AS FOLLOWS:

A. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS MET ON TWO OCCASIONS AND HAS HAD WIDE RANGING DISCUSSION ON THE PROBLEM.

B. THE VIEWS OF THE UNITED STATES AUTHORITIES RAISED IN THE COUNCIL HAVE BEEN EXPANDED UPON AND THOSE OF ALL OTHER NATIONAL DELEGATIONS HAVE BEEN RECORDED IN RESPECT TO THE SURVIVABILITY QUESTION.

C. THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE NICSMA ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING STUDY CONCERNING ACCOMMODATION FOR THAT AGENCY, AND THE VIEWS AND DECISIONS OF THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES CONCERNED THEREWITH, HAVE BEEN NOTED BY THE AD HOC COMMITTEE.

D. THE MAJORITY OF MEMBERS OF THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ARE OF THE VIEW THAT AN INDICATIVE ASSESSMENT OF RELEVANT COSTS OF THE TWO MAIN OPTIONS WHICH HAVE EMERGED FROM DISCUSSIONS IS A PRIMARY REQUIREMENT.

E. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE HAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THE NECESSARY MACHINERY FOR MAKING SUCH COST ASSESSMENTS DOES NOT EXIST WITHIN THE ORGANIZATION AND THAT AN
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INDICATIVE ASSESSMENT OF COSTS ALONG THE LINES MENTIONED ABOVE, COVERING THE OPTIONS BEING CONSIDERED, WOULD ENTAIL THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN THE ORDER OF IAUS 40,000 TO 50,000.

F. THE COMMITTEE HAS AGREED THAT THE LIST OF POTENTIAL HOST COUNTRIES WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS POSSIBLE LOCATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL IN AN EMERGENCY NEED NOT BE RESTRICTED TO BELGIUM OR THE NETHERLANDS.

G. THE AD HOC COMMITTEE WILL CONTINUE ITS EXAMINATION OF THE SURVIVABILITY QUESTION AND REPORT AGAIN TO THE COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE.

4. THE COUNCIL IS INVITED TO NOTE THE FOREGOING PROGRESS REPORT. END TEXT. RUMSFELD

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